

What is claimed is:

1. A method of displaying a color video picture by sequentially displaying color images on a display device and switching illumination light colors depending on the displayed color images according to a field sequential process, said method comprising the steps of:
- illuminating a display device having a matrix of pixels, with adjacent four pixels as a unit, with illuminating lights including a red illuminating light, a green illuminating light, a blue illuminating light, and an achromatic illuminating light, such that the illuminating lights applied to the pixels in each unit have different colors from each other and the colors of the illuminating lights are switched in each field period;
- generating a red video signal, a green video signal, a blue video signal, and an achromatic video signal from a color video signal so as to correspond to the colors of the illuminating lights applied to the pixels in each unit; and
- energizing said display device with the generated video signals to display a color video picture thereon.

2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

projecting the color video picture displayed
on said display device.

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the
5 pixels in each unit are arranged in a square matrix with
green and achromatic pixels positioned diagonally
opposite in relation to each other.

4. A method according to claim 2, wherein the
10 pixels in each unit are arranged in a square matrix with
green and achromatic pixels positioned diagonally
opposite in relation to each other.

5. An apparatus for displaying a color video
15 picture by sequentially displaying color images on a
display device and switching illumination light colors
depending on the displayed color images according to a
field sequential process, said apparatus comprising:
a display device having a matrix of pixels;
20 color switching illumination means for
illuminating said display device, with adjacent four
pixels as a unit, with illuminating lights including a
red illuminating light, a green illuminating light, a
blue illuminating light, and an achromatic illuminating
25 light, such that the illuminating lights applied to the
pixels in each unit have different colors from each other

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and the colors of the illuminating lights are switched in each field period; and

video signal processing means for generating a red video signal, a green video signal, a blue video signal, and an achromatic video signal from a color video signal so as to correspond to the colors of the illuminating lights applied to the pixels in each unit, and energizing said display device with the generated video signals to display a color video picture thereon.

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6. An apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising the step of:

projecting means for projecting the color video picture displayed on said display device.

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7. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said color switching illumination means comprises four regions for emitting said red illuminating light, said green illuminating light, said blue illuminating light, and said achromatic illuminating light to each pixel of said display device, with only one at a time of said four regions being energizable to emit the illuminating light in each field period.

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8. An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said color switching illumination means comprises four

11. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein
said color switching illumination means comprises a
region for emitting either one of said red illuminating
light, said green illuminating light, said blue
5 illuminating light, and said achromatic illuminating
light to each pixel of said display device, and means for
moving the relative position of said region and said
display device by a distance corresponding to one pixel
in each field period.

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12. An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein
said color switching illumination means comprises a
region for emitting either one of said red illuminating
light, said green illuminating light, said blue
15 illuminating light, and said achromatic illuminating
light to each pixel of said display device, and means for
moving the relative position of said region and said
display device by a distance corresponding to one pixel
in each field period.

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13. An apparatus for displaying a color video
picture by sequentially displaying color images on a
display device and switching illumination light colors
depending on the displayed color images according to a
25 field sequential process, said apparatus comprising:

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a display device having a matrix of pixels and a condensing lens disposed on a surface thereof for applying illuminating light in association with every four pixels of said matrix;

5 color switching illumination means for applying illuminating lights including a red illuminating light, a green illuminating light, a blue illuminating light, and an achromatic illuminating light at different angles to said condensing lens, switching the colors of
10 the illuminating lights in each field period, such that, with adjacent four pixels as a unit, the illuminating lights applied to the pixels in each unit have different colors from each other, and switching the colors of the illuminating lights in each field period; and

15 video signal processing means for generating a red video signal, a green video signal, a blue video signal, and an achromatic video signal from a color video signal so as to correspond to the colors of the illuminating lights applied to the pixels in each unit,
20 and energizing said display device with the generated video signals to display a color video picture thereon.

14. An apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising the step of:

25 projecting means for projecting the color video picture displayed on said display device.

15. An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein
said color switching illumination means has a collimator
lens associated with four sets of four regions for
5 emitting said red illuminating light, said green
illuminating light, said blue illuminating light, and
said achromatic illuminating light, respectively, said
color switching illumination means being arranged to
energize either one at a time of said four regions to
10 emit the illuminating light in each field period.

16. An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein
said color switching illumination means has a collimator
lens associated with four sets of four regions for
15 emitting said red illuminating light, said green
illuminating light, said blue illuminating light, and
said achromatic illuminating light, respectively, said
color switching illumination means being arranged to
energize either one at a time of said four regions to
20 emit the illuminating light in each field period.

17. An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein
said color switching illumination means has a collimator
lens associated with four sets of four regions for
25 emitting said red illuminating light, said green
illuminating light, said blue illuminating light, and

said achromatic illuminating light, respectively, said
color switching illumination means being arranged to
energize either one at a time of said four regions to
emit the illuminating light in each field period, said
5 regions being arranged in a matrix.

18. An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein
said color switching illumination means has a collimator
lens associated with four sets of four regions for
10 emitting said red illuminating light, said green
illuminating light, said blue illuminating light, and
said achromatic illuminating light, respectively, said
color switching illumination means being arranged to
energize either one at a time of said four regions to
15 emit the illuminating light in each field period, said
regions being arranged in a matrix.

19. An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein
said color switching illumination means has a collimator
20 lens associated with four regions for emitting either one
at a time of said red illuminating light, said green
illuminating light, said blue illuminating light, and
said achromatic illuminating light, said color switching
illumination means being arranged to switch the colors of
25 the illuminating lights in each field period.

lens and said four regions by a distance corresponding to one light-emitting region in each field period.

25. An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein
5 said color switching illumination means has a collimator lens associated with four sets of four regions for emitting either one at a time of said red illuminating light, said green illuminating light, said blue illuminating light, and said achromatic illuminating
10 light, said regions being arranged in a matrix, said color switching illumination means having means for moving the relative position of said collimator lens and said four regions by a distance corresponding to one light-emitting region in each field period.

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26. An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein
said color switching illumination means has a collimator lens associated with four sets of four regions for emitting either one at a time of said red illuminating
20 light, said green illuminating light, said blue illuminating light, and said achromatic illuminating light, said regions being arranged in a matrix, said color switching illumination means having means for moving the relative position of said collimator lens and
25 said four regions by a distance corresponding to one light-emitting region in each field period.

